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Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

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REMARKS

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troop trains identified from
Dresden and Erfurt railroad districts between 2 and 26 July 1953:

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Date in July	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
<u>a. Dresden</u>				
2	11	Troops and armored vehicles	Glauchau	Zeitz
13	38	Troops, tanks and vehicles	"	Haldensleben
19	12	troops and vehicles	"	Bad Bibra
22	14	"	"	Koenigsbrueck
2	75	military goods	Chemnitz	"
18	10	"	"	Justerbog Altes Lager
8	74	Troops and vehicles	Plauen	Ohrdruf
	55	military goods	Riesa	Leisnig
11	13	troops and guns	Riesa	Altengrabow

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b. RBD Erfurt

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16 July	28	Troops and vehicles	Crawinkel	Wolmirstedt
19	47	"	"	Apolda
22	24	"	"	Wolmirstedt
	37	"	"	"
4	79	Troops and military goods	Eisenach	Aken
	58	"	"	Brandis
11	17	military goods	"	Altengrabow
25	43	"	"	Haldensleben
11	20	"	Eisleben	Altengrabow
18	47	"	"	Bad Koesen
26	18	"	"	Saalfeld
1	21	"	Erfurt	Plauen
5	19	"	"	"
21	24	"	"	"
14	13	"	"	Justerbog Altes Lager Gera
1	24	"	Georgenthal	Georgenthal
4	26	"	Gera	Georgenthal
11	36	"	Georgenthal	Altengrabow
19	30	"	"	Bad Koesen
3	22	"	Gera Gotha	Brandis
7	22	Troops and vehicles	Greussen	Chemnitz
23	14	"	"	Glauchau
4	10	military goods	Jena	Crawinkel
20	38	"	"	Wolmirstedt
11	37	troops and vehicles	Mechterstaedt	Altengrabow

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10 July	49	Troops and vehicles	Mechterstaedt	Altengrabow
5	14	military goods	Ohrdruf	Gera
6	52	Troops and vehicles	"	Neubukow
7	54	"	"	"
	55	"	"	"
	54	"	"	"
16	16	military goods	"	Plauen
15	14	"	"	Weissenfels
17	11	Troops and vehicles	"	Jueterbog
	51	"	"	Apolda
21	42	"	"	"
	5	"	"	Jueterbog
	52	Troops and vehicles	"	Plauen
5	50	"	Rossleben	Aken
21	15	"	Saalfeld	Fuerstenwalde
29	16	"	"	Enleben
23	17	"	Straussfurt	Altengrabow
	20	"	"	Altenburg
	5	"	Wasserthaleben	Altengrabow
	16	"	"	Rathenow
4	51	"	Weimar	Kroepelin
	46	"	"	Neubukow
7	20	"	Weissenfels	Brandis
11	16	troops, vehicles and tanks	Zeitz	Glauchau

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2. KVP trains [redacted] on 16 and 21 August included a train of 12 boxcars from the Halle district to Uhyst; and a train of 9 boxcars from Uhyst to Dresden, [redacted] on 16 August; and a train of 9 boxcars from Uhyst to Dresden, [redacted] on 21 August. 16

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3. Troop trains [redacted] between 19 and 24 August included:

B - boxcar C/B - converted boxcar
F - flatcar SSy - heavy-duty flatcar

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
19	10 B, 24 F	Brandenburg	Altengrabow
20	5 B, 25 F	Weimar	Treuenbrietzen
	4 B, 9 F	Trebbin	Fuerstenberg
21	4 B, 9 F	Jueterbog	Treuenbrietzen
22	10B, 24 F	Altengrabow	Brandenburg
	7 B, 19 F	Jueterbog	Haldensleben
	14 B, 40 F	"	Velten
	4 B, 11 F	"	Neuruppin
	5 B, 17 F	Wuensdorf	Rathenow
23	12 B, 35 F	Jueterbog	Wolmirstedt
	4 B, 19 F	"	"
	13 B, 38 F	Velten	Jueterbog
	22 B, 30 F	Jueterbog	Bernau
24	12 B, 37 F	"	"

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4. [redacted] the following number of cars had to be made available on 26 and 27 August:

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	From and/or In	To
26	13 C/B, 40 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Velten
	8 C/B, 2 B 40 F	Luckenwalde	Angermuende
	9 C/B, 50 F ?	Forst Zinna	"
	3 B, 8 F	Trebbin	"

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?	B, 2 F	Wuensdorf	Fuerstenberg
7	B, 2 F	Jueterbog	
1	C/B, 1 B, 3 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
27	10 SSy	Grunow	Frankfurt
	9 SSy	"	"
	16 C/B, 5 B, 23 F	Dallgow Doeberitz	Neustrelitz
	3 C/B, 12 B	Fuerstenwalde	

25X1 Comment. Presumably shipments of a unit of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt. It is possible that, on 2 and 11 July, the unit went to, and returned from, an exercise in the Zeitz area.

25X1 Comment. The trains which carried tank details of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt and the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Glauchau and Crawinkel to the Letzling Heath were previously reported. The train which left Jena [redacted] went from Eisenach to Haldensleben on 25 July is reported for the first time.

25X1 Comment. The shipments may have been connected with exercises which lasted from about 20 to 24 July and possibly spread from the Naumburg-Lossa area as far as the Straussfurt area. No information is available on the area mentioned. However, movements observed in and from this area tend to indicate that the following units may have participated: units of the IV Arty Corps from Rathenow and Altengrabow, the XXVII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the Ohrdruf area and the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt from Glauchau. It is possible that elements of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps also participated in the exercise.

25X1 Comment. Troop trains were repeatedly observed en route from the Eighth Gds Army area to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds or vice versa since July. However, the entrained units could not be identified. The train [redacted] which went from Glauchau to Koenigsbrueck on 22 July, is mentioned for the first time; train [redacted] from Mechterstedt to Koenigsbrueck was seen arriving on 10 July.

25X1 Comment. The train with a unit of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) was observed during the loading in Chemnitz on 18 July and, during the unloading, at Jueterbog on 19 July. [redacted] The trains, which went from Erfurt and Ohrdruf to Jueterbog possibly carried those units which, on 2 August, returned to Weimar and Ohrdruf on trains [redacted]. The AAA unit of the 39th Gds Mta Rifle Div, which was entrained at the Ohrdruf railroad station on 17 July, possibly went to Jueterbog [redacted].

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25X1 [] Comment. Probably shipments of units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div,
 25X1 which participated in advanced combat practices in the Ohrdruf area. Train
 25X1 [] presumably was also observed [] during the loading
 25X1 at the Ohrdruf railroad station on 21 July. []
 25X1 [] Comment. The train may have carried elements of the unidentified
 25X1 engineer battalion of the 9th Tank Div which transferred to special exercises
 25X1 on the Mulde River in the Leisnig area, which started about 10 July and also
 25X1 involved other engineer units of the First Gds Mecz Army.

[] Comment. Probably shipments of engineer units of the XXIX Gds Mtz
 25X1 Rifle Corps. The train which left Rossleben []
 was previously indicated.

[] Comment. In late June, five trains went from Ohrdruf and Plauen to
 Brandis, carrying units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which went to air
 transport exercises between the Brandis and Erfurt-Bindersleben airfields.
 25X1 [] The shipments from Eisenach, Gera, Gotha and
 25X1 Weissenfels tend to indicate that elements of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
 also participated in the exercise.

25X1 [] Comment. The two shipments from Eisenach and Emleben to Altengrabow
 on 11 July are probably reported for the first time. The train which left
 25X1 Georgenthal on the same day [] and that from
 Mechterstedt []

25X1 [] Comment. Presumably shipments of units of the 316th RL Regt (US) from
 Saalfeld, which were rotated to and from Emleben.

25X1 [] Comment. The trains probably carried elements of the 308th Arty Brig
 25X1 (US). Train [] left Gera on 4 July, was observed there during
 25X1 the loading. []

25X1 [] Comment. Probably a shipment of a unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

25X1 [] Comment. [] on 8 July, [] trains []
 25X1 [] passing through the Magdeburg railroad district and proceeding
 25X1 toward Neubukow, and [] the entraining in Weimar
 25X1 of medium AAA units of the 13th AAA Div and their departure toward Halle.
 25X1 [] These shipments definitely
 25X1 were the trains to the Wustrow firing range mentioned in the present report.

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25X1 [] Comment. Fairly definitely KVP units of the TVs 6000 and 3000, which
 were continually rotated from their posts to the Weisswasser troop training
 grounds for short-term exercises. Uhyst and Weisswasser were used as loading
 and unloading stations. The trains on 16 and 21 August presumably were
 unloaded in the Dresden railroad district, rather than in the town of Dresden.

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25X1 [] Comment. All shipments were previously reported []
25X1 [] However, []
25X1 the train which left Weimar on 20 August []
25X1 [] was unloaded in the Berlin railroad district; and the train []
25X1 left Haldensleben on 22 August []
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25X1 [] Comment. Presumably return movement of the unit from Velten which
25X1 had arrived in Jueterbog on 23 August []
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25X1 [] Comment. The identity of the units on the trains to Angermuende cannot
25X1 be determined; nor can their movements be accounted for.
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25X1 [] Comment. Shipments, probably of tank units of the 7th Cds Mecz Div,
25X1 from Frankfurt/Oder to the Beeskow, Grunow and Lieberose railroad stations
25X1 and vice versa have constantly been reported since 14 August. []
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